Ho-214 Carroll Baldwin Memorial Hall Savage Private

1921

This twentieth century building, a vernacular adaptation of Richardsonian Romanesque with a blending of elements of the Beaux Arts and Queen Anne styles, stands facing north on the southeast corner of Baltimore and Foundry Streets.

Its north, east and west double-paneled rectangular entrance doors set into roman arches as well as its four large roman arched north and south windows are representative of the Romanesque style. The building, however, is eclectic in character blending elements of the Queen Anne style in the mullions which divide the window sections and in the jerkin tipped roof which runs east-west while presenting the calm, horizontal elegant rhythm of the south elevation which can be ascribed to the Beaux Arts. It was built in honor of the memory of Carroll Baldwin, president of the Savage Manufacturing Company from 1905-1918, by his sister Sallie Baldwin and the company to serve as a community hall. It is also used as the Savage Branch of the Howard County Library.

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Carrol Baldwin Memorial Hall is located on the southeast corner of Baltimore and Foundry Streets in Savage, Maryland, almost a mile west of U. S. route 1.

It is a five bay wide, three bay deep, one story high, jerkin slate roof (runing east-west) stone structure built on a full stone foundation. The east and west elevations are similar in treatment but with variations.

The central west entrance opens on to Foundry Street, while the central east entrance opens on to Williams Street.

The main entrance now appears to be on Foundry Street facing west. A rectangular double wood paneled entrance is inset into a roman arch on which is inscribed: "HOWARD COUNTY LIBRARY SAVAGE BRANCH." A roman arched hood covers the entrance which is flanked by 10-10 light arched casement windows surmounted by arched stone lintels with keys and underlined by projecting stone sills. Cellar windows decorated with flat sone lintels and projecting stone sills rest beneath these windows.

The east entrance is similar to that on the west and has more stylistic detail, an additional small rectangular window decorated with a flat stone lintel being added on the outside end of each of the arched windows. The fanlight over the door remains, not covered by a wooden panel as on the west.

Both the east and west elevation have fanlights inset into the center of the wall above the roman arched hood covering the door. They are three tiered and hold eleven lights, decorated with arched lintels with keys and underlined by projecting stone sills.

The whole feeling of the building is romanesque but with a touch of the Beaux-Arts evidenced in a lighter feeling brought about by the use of smaller stones and rocks from the river rather than heavier granite blocks. Where Richardsonian Romanesque gives a sense of heavy strength, this building's north and south elevations reflect rhythm characteristic in some respects of the Beaux Arts style.

The north and south elevations are similar in feeling but different in treatment. The north elevation holds a central roman arched entrance door similar to those on the east and west elevations, but different in two respects. 1. It is decorated by a roman arched stone lintel with keys having no covered hood and 2. its roman arch transom is filled with two rows of vertical rather than arched lights. Five wide stone steps, flanked by stone retaining walls and knewel posts, lead to this central north entrance. It is flanked by two large roman windows, while CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

the south wall holds four, identical to these.

Each of the eight north and south roman arched windows have eight light lower rectangular windows flanked by four vertical lights. Mullions separate each section from one another and from their upper quatre partite roman arched sections, the central portions of which each hold six lights.

These upper sections are decorated with roman arched stone lintels and keystones, while the lower portion of the window is underlined by projecting stone sills under which are located two horizontally rectangular basement windows, decorated with projecting stone sills and flat stone lintels.

Basement doors are located on each end of the south wall and on the side of the north wall. Stone steps encased by stone retaining walls lead down to the entrances. The west end entrance of the south wall is surmounted by a stretcher stone roman arched lintel, while that on the east end is surmounted by a flat stone lintel. A tall, wide stone chimney is inset into the west end of the south wall, while a smaller square chimney is located on the east side of the slate roof.

An open wooded area lies south of the building.

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The Carroll Baldwin Memorial Community Hall is significant historically, architecturally and in the areas of Industry and Community Planning.

Historically it is tied to both the community and to the Baldwin family who from 1859 to 1911 managed the Savage Manufacturing Company. It is named for Carroll Baldwin who from 1905 to 1918 was president of the Savage Manufacturing Company. Under his management the company became part of the firm Baldwin, Leslie and Company, mill brokers of New York, founded in 1914.

Under Carroll Baldwin's leadership 23,000 square feet of floor space was added to the factory, new looms ranging from 16 to 27 tons were installed along with an electric power generating plant.

Upon Carroll Baldwin's death in 1918, Baldwin, Leslie and Company became Leslie, Evans and Company. By 1919 this firm had bought the Savage Manufacturing Company with Miss Sallie Baldwin, sister of Carroll selling her holdings in the new firm but retaining her interest in the village. In 1921 she and company, with Rignal W. Baldwin as its new president, began the erection of the present building as a memorial to Carroll Baldwin to be used as a community hall.

A company, the Carroll Baldwin Memorial Institute was established with the certificate of incorporation declaring that "The nature of the business and the objects and purposes proposed to be transacted, are educational, moral, literary and benevolent, for the exclusive benefit and advantage of the community in which it will carry on its business work and operations," and that "financial support will be secured and derived from membership dues and fees, and from voluntary donations, contributions and subscriptions, and such other gifts as may be made from time to time."

The Savage Mill passed to the Santa Novelties Company, who in 1950 sold it to the National Store Fixture Company, Inc., a group of brothers - Samuel, Hyman, Ephraim, and Albert Winer. They have

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caken an interest in Savage and the upkeep of the community hall. Recently state funds have been made available for renovation.

Architecturally the building is significant as an example of an adaptation of Richardsonian Romanesque.

Its four tall north and south roman windows as well as its three roman arched entrances are representative of this style. The building, however, is predominately eclectic in character, blending elements of the Queen Anne style in the mullions dividing the window sections and the jerkin tipped roof, the Beaux Arts style in the calm, horizontal, elegant, rhythmic north and south facades and the vernacular in the use of stone from the river as a building material which was brought to the site by horse and cart.

In the area of industry and community planning, it serves, along with the school, as a kind of completion in the form of a community facility to the plan begun by the early industrialists who started a town here.

The dedication services for the new hall took place on Thanksgiving Day, 1922. The Rev. Dr. Charles W. Baldwin Uncle of Carroll and Sallie, and Methodist Episcopal Minister gave the address in his 82nd year. He finished with a prayer: "May the blessing of God continually rest upon and guide the uses to which it will be put."

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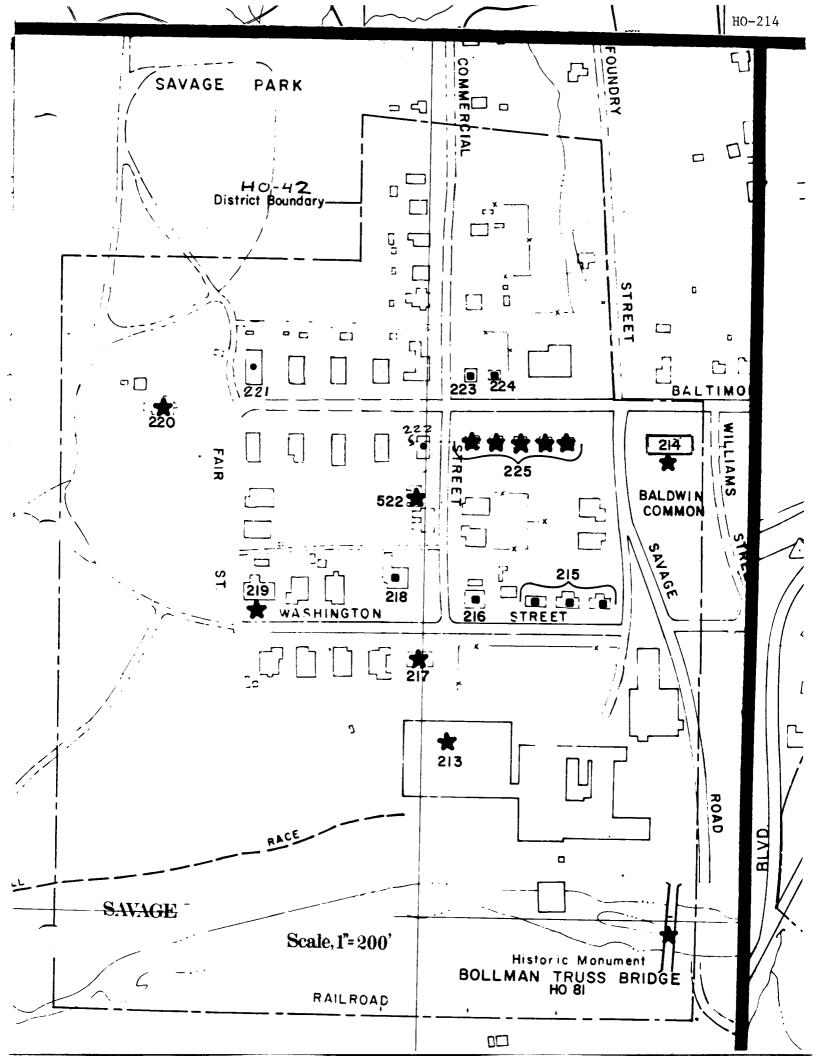
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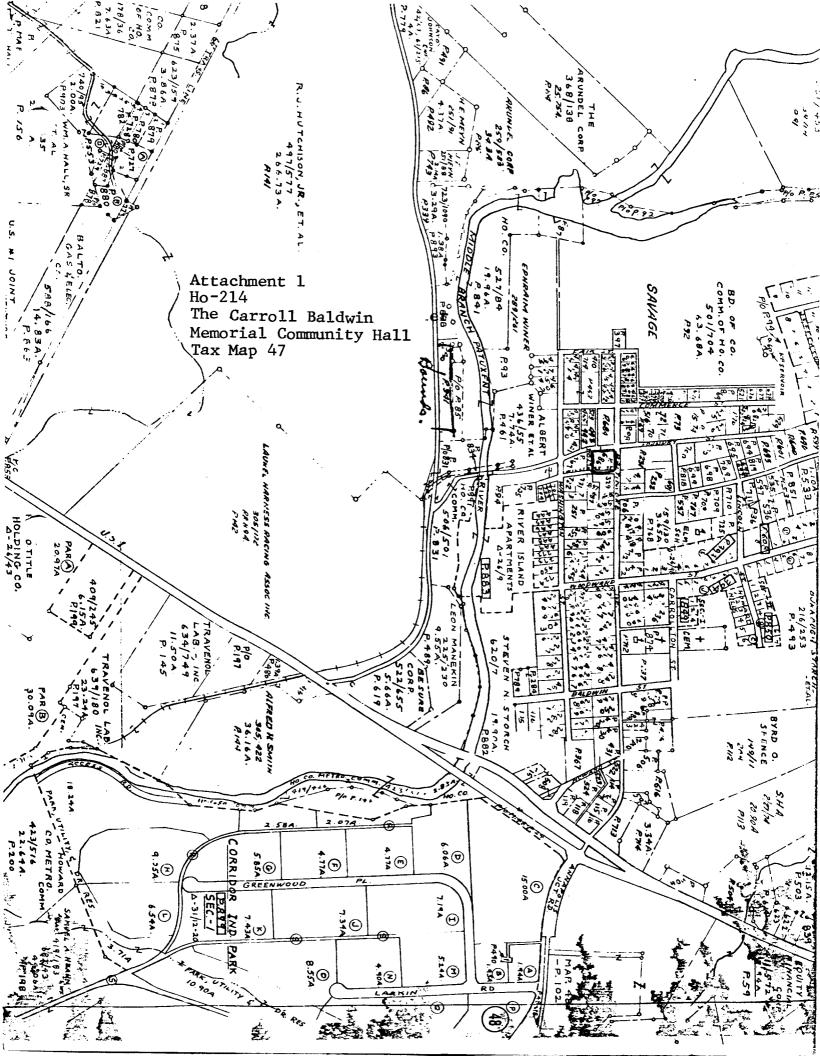
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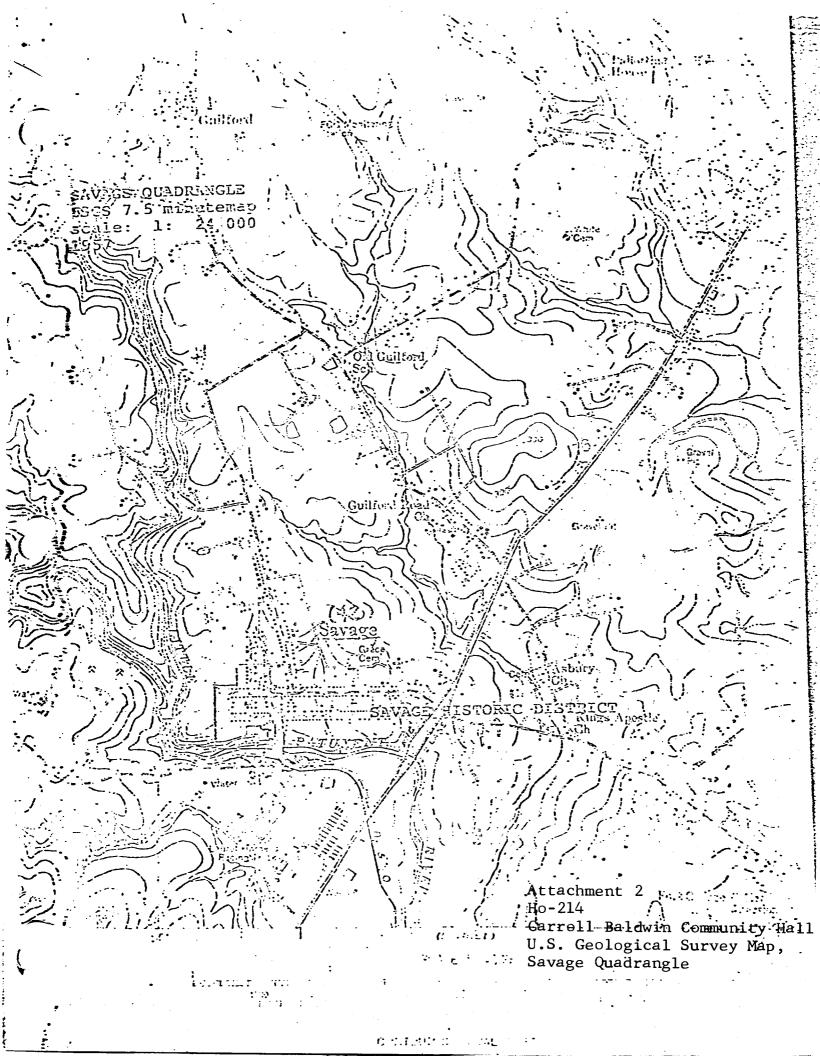
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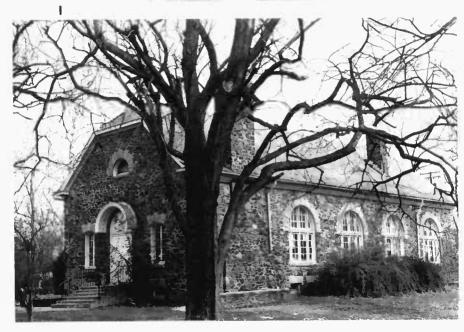
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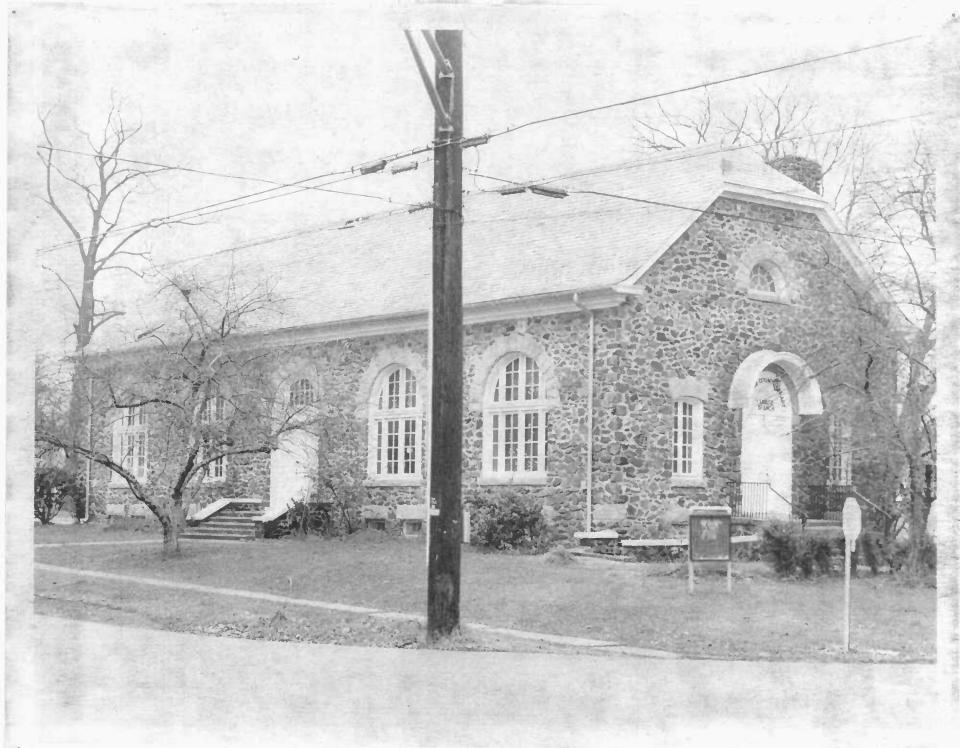








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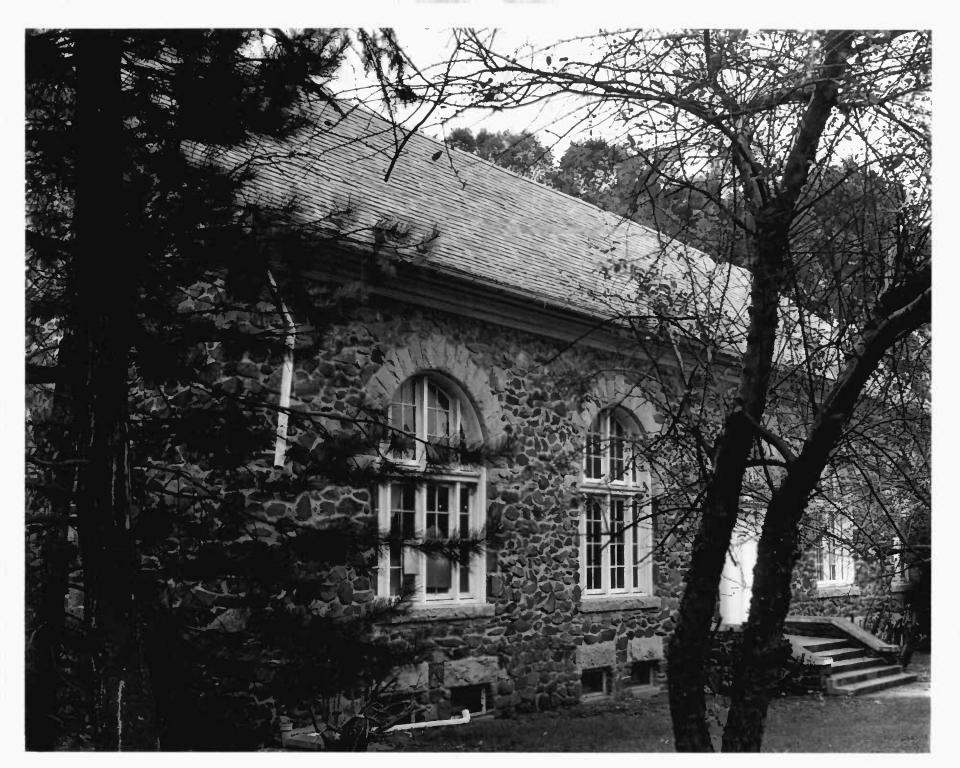


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